

**DEATHS:** Steven Gatehouse, Jim Molony, Marge Chalmers, Doc DeCourcy, Patricia Gamala, Trevor Brereton.

**BAPTISMS:** Elyza Pitt, Abbie Firth

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kathleen Stasch, Maria Mezey, Wladyslawa Turomza, Steven O'Callaghan, Margaret Picknell, Marjo Espanol, Peter Corbett.

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Marion Cullen, Helen Tarttelin, Deidre Frain, Charlotte Nimok, Frank Gatto, Gerry Josey, Rita Van Ryt, Ted Helmuth, Dorothy Chalmers, Joy Finlay, Veronica Cullen, Julieta Sturrock, Marie Blunck, BJ Castley, Syd Britland, Judith Billanes, Jovi Baier, Otto Hava, Will Carland, Ross Thinee, Peter King, Jorja Price, Gerry Smith, Bozo Pinjuh, Paul O'Connor, Sr Margaret Scott (Immaculata), Ernie Shambrook, May Dunne, Veronica Spain, Meryl Pavan, Ebony Lees, Lyn Galley, Ted Butterworth, Stephen Jamison, June Oliver, Albert Fernandez, Angela Fell, Sr. Kath Clancy, Terry Casey, Janelle Ryan, Jim Telford, Fred Dowse, Laurie Raynes, Lally Biondi, Glen Major, Michael Anderson.

**First Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 9: 8-15  
1Peter 3: 18-22  
Mark 1: 12-15

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18  
St Paul to Romans 8: 31-34  
Mark 9: 2-10



**OUR GIFT TO GOD – FOR GOD'S GIFT TO US**

Planned Giving (last week) \$1590.18 Thank you for your support.  
Loose \$ 716.45  
**\$2306.63**  
Total Bushfires from our Parish: \$1657.85

**SOME IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:**

March 6<sup>th</sup> 8.45am - Mass at St. Kiernan's School for beginning of year  
6pm each Friday in Lent Stations of the Cross  
7.30pm - World Day of Prayer at Salvation Army Citadel  
8<sup>th</sup> International Women's Day - 9am Mass and Morning Tea  
4pm to 7pm - Twilight Retreat

**MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL: PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS**

**Isa Home & Garden**

**WEBSITE OF THE WEEK:** <http://www.cleanup.org.au/> March 1 is Clean Up Australia Day. It is an opportunity for us all to live out our call to be responsible stewards of creation. You can find lots of information and activities are on here this weekend.

**BUSHFIRE APPEAL:** There has been a second collection at the masses lately for all those who wished to donate to those who have suffered in the Victorian Bushfires. You may still donate through our Parish in a marked envelope on the collection plate and we will forward donations to Melbourne to 'Archbishop's Charitable Bush Fire Appeal'.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY** is being celebrated at our Parish on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>. All women are invited to join us for Morning Tea and a 'mystery speaker', (female of course!), Sunday March 8 after 9 am Mass. This will be the first of several gatherings throughout the year hosted by the Catholic Women's League, Mount Isa, and focusing on women in our local and wider community. We would welcome your company and ideas for future gatherings. CWL membership renewals are also due, but there is NO obligation to join. Please bring a SMALL plate of goodies to share.'

**LENT LENT LENT LENT**

**LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER 2009:** Bishop Michael has released his 2009 Pastoral Letter for Lent. It is available at the Church Door for your reading – please take a copy home.

**LECTIO DEVINA:** Praying the scriptures in Lent is a booklet available to us all with reflections for each Sunday in Lent and some thoughts on this way of praying with the Bible. Copies are available at the Church doors today. Take them and share their wisdom with others too.

**LENTEN BOOKS:** "Grace to You" are available for sale if you wish to follow the Program either individually or in a group. Please see the Parish Office if you are interested.

**THE "LITTLE BLACK BOOK":** Six –minute reflections on the Weekly Gospels for Lent 2009. Cost: \$ 4.00 each and The Little Purple Book for Kids (\$ 4.00) are available from the Piety Shop at the front of the Church. These are helpful Resources for personal prayer and reflection.

**CARITAS/PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL:** As always, you are able to make donations throughout the Lenten Season, or leave any amounts with the Parish Office.

**TWILIGHT RETREAT:** Three hours of prayer and reflection on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, 8<sup>th</sup> March from 4pm to 7pm, with Sr Marie Williams RSM. Please use the attached enrolment leaflet or contact the parish office to put your name down.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** is a world wide movement led by Christian women of many traditions who call the faithful together to observe a common day of prayer each year. This year it is to be hosted by The Salvation Army Citadel on 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Readers are urgently required. Please contact Beryle Castley 0407 678 963. The theme for 2009 is "In Christ, there are many members yet one body", and it has been prepared by Papua New Guinea.

**CONFIRMATION – FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION** has begun. Any parents wishing to enrol their children in the Confirmation/Eucharist Program please contact the RE Co-ordinator at any

**R.E. IN STATE SCHOOLS:** Volunteers are urgently needed to teach Grades 2-7 about the love of God and the messages of Jesus. Teachers Manuals and activity books provided. Please prayerfully consider to volunteer your time, once a week for ½hour a week. Please contact either Fr Mick or Lorna Fisher 4743 8892. A meeting will be held Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11.30am @ Catholic Centre.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:** Resumed in February so please contact Sue Dando on 47438487 or 0438001942 for more information. Come along Monday at 8am in Church.

**MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL NEWS:** Congratulations to the Incoming Committee, and the nominated position holders are Alvin Hava, President, Corena Powers, Secretary, Robyn Horn Treasurer. If you know you will be convening a stall this year, could you please confirm this with Corena at the Parish Office? Anyone is welcome to attend and become part of the M.F. Team for 2009.

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:** The latest issue is at the Church doors today – free for you to take.

**WELCOME:** Back too Sr. Marie Geddes who has been away since last year with shoulder surgery and is slowly recovering. She hopes to be back at Good Shepherd College very soon. To Sr. Marie Williams who will be here this week to prepare, with the AICC, for the Twilight Retreat next Sunday at 4pm.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY - MADRID 2011:** The Pope will hand over the Cross and Icon to Spain on Palm Sunday in Rome. Watch this space for details on Webmaster - webmaster@wyd2008.org to view the handover.

**CATHOLIC LEADER:** is available for us again this week. Try reading our own Queensland Catholic paper and see what news and views you might understand in a more Godly way.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.**